

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 19 ~~claim 4~~ in which the sub-duct is an elongate sleeve.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 19 ~~claim 4~~ wherein the path-finding element is a path-finding head.

4. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the head is detachable.

5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3 in which the head is outwardly deformable.

6. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4 in which the head includes a seal activated by pressurisation of the sub-duct.

7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 in which the head is outwardly deformable at the front end.

8. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 in which the head is outwardly deformable at a portion set back from the front end.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 19 ~~claim 4~~ in which the head has a cutting portion at the front end.

10. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 9 in which the cutting portion is a chisel portion.

11. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 9 in which the cutting portion is a rotational cutter.

12. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 11 in which the cutter is activated by relative movement of the sub-duct and the cutter.

13. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12 in which a helical thread translates linear movement of the sub-duct to rotational movement of the cutter.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for advancing a sub-duct into a main duct comprising apparatus as claimed in claim 19 ~~claim 4~~ and means for advancing it.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 19 ~~claim 4~~ in which the sub-duct is inserted into the duct so that it sleeves over a cable within the duct for subsequent removal of the cable from the duct.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~claim 15~~ in which the advancement of the sub-duct so that it sleeves over a cable within the duct for subsequent removal of the cable from the duct.

19. (New) A sub-ducting apparatus for removing from a duct a cable which is jammed within the duct by an obstruction, comprising a sub-duct and a remotely operable path-finding element comprising easing means and/or cutting means, in use arranged to negotiate a path around or through the obstacle, whereby the sub-duct is inserted into the duct over the jammed cable.

20. (New) A method of removing from a duct a cable which is jammed within the duct by an obstruction, comprising inserting a sub-ducting apparatus into the duct over the jammed cable, the sub-ducting apparatus comprising a sub-duct and a remotely operable path-finding element comprising easing means and/or cutting means, and remotely operating the path-finding element to negotiate a path around or through the obstacle, whereby the sub-duct is inserted into the duct over the jammed cable.